

In surprise move

Chancellor creates new office

By Randy Griffith

In what was a surprise move to many people, Dr. Jimmie N. Smith has been promoted from assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs to vice chancellor for student affairs.

The appointment was announced by Chancellor Donald E. Shipp at a special meeting last Tuesday, Sept. 17.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Shipp, Dr. A. J. Howell, John Tabor, Dr. Gary K. Brashier, Dr. Smith and representatives from the Student Government Association, (SGA), Student Entertainment Committee (SEC) and the "Almagest."

Appointment effective immediately

The office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is a new administrative position in student affairs. The duties of the new vice chancellor will involve overseeing and administering all facets of LSUS student activities and organizations, including intramurals, campus security, high school relations and student financial aid.

Although the appointment has to be formally approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors, Dr. Smith will assume the responsibilities "effective immediately," according to Dr. Shipp.

Dr. Kenneth M. Purdy, former dean of student affairs before the shakeup, will now be director of student activities and will work under Dr. Smith.

Change of title

Dr. Purdy, who has been in student affairs for four years, will still remain staff advisor for the SGA and will continue the administration of campus clubs and organizations.

"This involves a change of his title," said Dr. Shipp, "It is an attempt to fit the title to the job."

"And he will report directly to Dr. Smith," he added.

The Chancellor said he feels Dr. Smith "has the background and ability to furnish the leadership we need in this job," and that he felt confident that Dr. Smith "will confirm the correctness of my decision by his actions in the future."

The decision culminated two days of rampant rumors that covered the LSUS campus about the administrative changes.

The new appointment sent shock waves throughout the student body and caused anger in many people.

Anger and accusations

Some of the accusations voiced were that the appointment was pure politics, personalities were involved and that the appointment was made because Dr. Purdy was getting "too close" to the students.

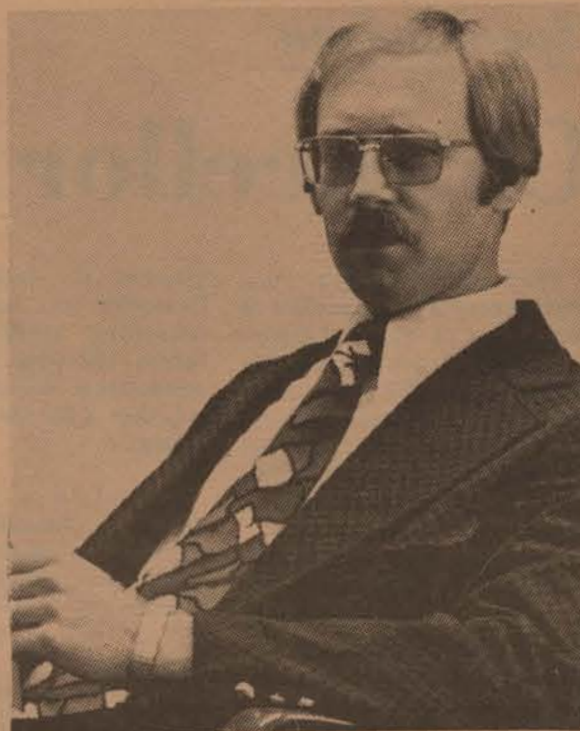
Chancellor Shipp termed these accusations as "ridiculous. 'The appointment had nothing whatsoever to do with a personality conflict. To try and insinuate something like that is just ridiculous.'"

Dr. Shipp also added that he has a "high regard" for Dr. Purdy and that the former dean "has a very important role to play here as Director of Student Activities."

'Not a demotion'

The change in administration for Dr. Purdy was not a demotion, said Dr. Shipp, but "could be a step up."

The creation of a vice chancellor, he explained, was brought about to expand the department and raise the level of student affairs to an equal administrative level with business and academic affairs.



Dr. Jimmie N. Smith
... new vice-chancellor

Chancellor Shipp attributed the creation of the new position to the rapid increase in student enrollment, particularly this semester. Yet, when pressed about the specific date he decided on Dr. Smith's appointment, the Chancellor became visibly upset and said he really did not know.

"Anywhere from two-three weeks, to two-three months," he said.

Dr. Smith added that he had discussed with Dr. Purdy "more that a year ago the fact that I was going to study the whole student affairs area with the view to make changes."

"He (Dr. Purdy) was kept advised that I was studying the whole matter."

However, the decision was anything but expected and came as a complete surprise to many people, according to David Towns, director of the Office of Special Research.

Dr. Shipp was asked about the particular timing at his decision and replied that it was "not necessarily unusual," even though it came after the beginning of a semester.

As the news spread throughout the campus, many students registered complaints about the decision and the method in which it was arrived (see page two). At press time, one rally was planned for noon today in the mall and a petition protesting the action was in circulation.

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Law-Enforcement courses offered

By Irvin Schueler

Registration for LSUS Law Enforcement class to be held at Barksdale AFB was completed on Sept. 12 by Dr. Vincent J. Marsala, Dean of the College of General Studies.

This class, as are those being conducted on campus, is applicable toward an Associate in Science in Law Enforcement degree. The Barksdale class was provided at the request of the Base Education Office in order to accommodate personnel who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend class at the LSUS campus. There are 19 students enrolled in the class which meets each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Base Education building.

The purpose of the program is to train individuals as law enforcement officers and administrators.

During Spring Semester '74, there were 99 pursuing the associate degree at LSUS. Of that total, approximately 15 are expected to graduate at the end of Spring Semester '75.

Two associate degrees have been achieved at LSUS. The first was attained by Curtis Hilderbrand, bailiff at Bossier Parish District Court, in Spring Semester '73, when he was 66. The second was by 20-year-old Gail Moses, who completed her requirements in August 1974, and will be awarded her degree during the commencement exercises in May 1975. She is presently attending LSU Baton Rouge to complete the 4-year Law Enforcement degree program. Any others who complete the program between now and the end of the Spring Semester will be graduated during the May commencement.

Additional non-credit courses are being developed for specialized training of professional law officers, according to Dr. Marsala. "The courses relate to burglary, auto theft, etc., and will be offered with cooperation of the Law Enforcement Training Institute at LSU Baton Rouge," he said.

Pass-fail option explained

By Patti Kasselmann

If you're a junior or senior who's been aching to take an elective that will possibly wreck your grade point, a solution may be at hand for you.

LSUS is in its second year of offering elective courses on a pass-no credit basis. But before you run over to the registrar's office for a curriculum overhaul, be aware of a few preliminary requirements. First, you must have achieved junior standing (that means at least 60 hours credit.) In addition, you must have a minimum 2.0 grade average and be enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts.

Only one course per semester may be taken on a pass-no credit basis, and a maximum of 12 hours credit is allowed under this option. A student may not use a pass-no credit option for any course within his major and he cannot change back to a letter grade for his pass-no credit course, even if it appears he may earn the equivalent of a C or better for it.

Seven students now enrolled

One of the original reasons for initiating the pass-fail system in American colleges and universities was to encourage students to try courses they might normally be afraid of failing, according to Dr. Gary Brashier, vice chancellor of academic affairs. However, additional research has shown that fewer students than first expected have actually opted for the new system, according to Dr. Brashier.

Dr. Mary Ann McBride, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said only seven students in that college are taking a course on a pass-no credit basis this semester. A total of 25 students have elected the option since the program was implemented in the fall of 1973.

Although the number of people attempting pass-no credit seems exceedingly small, Dr. McBride said, "We don't care about numbers, we're encouraging exploration (in different courses) and we think that it's working."

Students do well

Dr. McBride emphasized that almost all of the people that have elected pass-no credit courses are honor roll students who wanted to "branch out" without possibly damaging their grade point average. She added that the

pass-no credit students "usually do well" in the course elected in this manner.

Another apparent reason that pass-no credit is avoided by many students is because they seem to prefer a letter grade, according to Dr. McBride.

Dr. Brashier says the pass-no credit option is in conservative use here. The system has been initiated with the intention that it be reviewed periodically to possibly increase options offered, if that move is warranted. A constant surveillance of literature concerning pass-no credit and studies of other schools with similar systems are two additional moves to insure LSUS is offering a current and sound program.

Graduation changed

By Kay Owens

The tentative date of the 1974 graduating class commencement exercises has been changed from Friday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at the Convention Center to Wednesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center Auditorium.

It was rescheduled to insure that the president of the LSU system, Dr. Martin D. Woodin, can confer the diplomas.

Also, there were over 100 complaints filed to SGA concerning time and place according to Clayton Williamson, student representative to the Special Academic Programs Committee. One major complaint was that the previous facility would not be large enough. There are approximately 300 graduating seniors and the Civic Center Auditorium has a capacity of 1700.

"We should find an alternate place and attempt to get someone to take the president's place to confer the diplomas," says Williamson. Some suggestions include local churches or the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum. He added that he did not want to recommend any place that would establish "bad" tradition.

"The Faculty Committee has had one meeting and no students have been represented," Williamson added. Several faculty members have said they need two more student representatives on the committee.

Speaking out

Chancellor Shipp's choice debatable

Chancellor Shipp's announcement of the expansion of the Office of Student Affairs could spell good news for students at LSUS. The Chancellor outline changes that will have the effect of bring the division up to par with the divisions of academic affairs and business affairs.

This will mean that student affairs will be headed by a vice chancellor, where previously the division head was dean of student affairs.

Of course, the *Almagest* feels that the change can be either good or bad for LSUS students, depending on the man who fills the job, his qualifications, and above all—to what degree he will champion the interests of the student body.

Regarding the selection

process, we feel that the Chancellor was wrong in not consulting student leaders before carrying his recommendation to President Woodin, president of the LSU University System.

Granted, it is the responsibility of Chancellor Shipp to appoint persons in administrative positions that are vacated or established. And there is certainly no requirement that demands he consult student leaders on this.

But in the past, he has asked for student input into his decisions. Why then did he not consult student leaders on his appointment of Dr. Smith to the new position. This input should have been sought by the Chancellor because the Office of Student Affairs is one of the

most important for students. It is through this division that student needs and desires can be brought about.

Secondly, the selection itself is questionable to us. With all due respect to Dr. Smith, and he knows that we consider him a friend to students, we would have recommended that Dean Purdy be selected. Before we go any further, however let us make it clear that we have received no word from the dean.

In fact when we tried to contact him for a comment on the nomination, he replied that he would have none. Our reason for recommending that Purdy be given the job is based upon our experiences with him and his experience in working in student affairs.

Throughout our association

with Dr. Purdy he has shown to us that he has in the past worked for student's interests and desires in his capacity as dean. His door has been constantly open to students and their ideas and he has a rapport with students that we feel would be hard to match. His experience and accomplishments speak better than we can of his qualifications.

He has spent 15 years working in the LSU System, including four years here heading student affairs. His years in Baton Rouge included working the areas of guidance and testing.

At LSUS, he has been instrumental in numerous innovations in student affairs including the establishment of the Student Entertainment Committee, the Inter-organization Council, an

emergency medical care procedure, and a first aid room.

He has also worked to help increase student activities and SGA budgets and has been instrumental in initiating a insurance program for students through the University.

Our favor of Dr. Purdy is in no way meant to detract from the qualifications of Dr. Smith. Nor do we imply that Dr. Smith would not serve the interests of students as well as Dr. Purdy has. In our opinion, Dr. Smith has an outstanding record himself and we respect him greatly.

But now the decision has been made, and with no reservations we offer Dr. Smith our congratulations and support. We ask that students also support Dr. Smith and trust that he will work in their interests.

Letters to the Editor

Students react to new appointment

To the Editor:

The appointment of a Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs has long been past due. Maybe now, students and the problems of students will receive, by the upper echelon of the Administration, the attention that they have long deserved. In the past many recommendations for change that would have benefited the students have been sidetracked, circumnavigated or ignored, through no fault of Student Affairs.

The Student Government Association is extremely concerned about several points of the appointment process. (1) No prior notification of the initiation of the appointment procedure was made to the S.G.A. Although admittedly this is an internal administrative appointment, some though should have been given to the viable input that could have been received from the various departments of Student Affairs.

(2) The decision was finalized by the Chancellor and the President of the LSU System before anyone involved in Student Affairs was aware that a new appointment was to be made. The Student Government Association deplores such secretive tactics.

But, the appointment has been made. The Student Government Association expects, as has been the case in the past, that the new vice-chancellor will be as open minded as was the past Dean of Student Affairs. Let's get on with the task at hand: Making Louisiana State University in Shreveport a university that its student body can be proud of.

Tony Sanders

To the editor:

I feel that the Chancellor has made a serious mistake in overlooking Dr. Ken Purdy for the newly-created position of Vice-Chancellor of Student

Affairs. Dr. Smith is a fine individual; however Purdy has brought the Student Affairs department to its present position of excellence.

The Chancellor speaks of expansion in the areas of guidance, testing and high school relations. However, Dr. Purdy is very well qualified in these areas. I personally fear that what we have is the reduction of a man's authority due to personality conflicts.

Dr. Purdy is a fine and dedicated educator whose major concern is the welfare of the students of LSUS. He has sought to give us a perspective on life other than offered through textbooks. I'm shocked and disappointed in these actions.

Randal M. Beach

To the editor:

The change in the administration involving Dr. Purdy and Dr. Smith came as a surprise to many of the students. Lack of communication between administrators is the reason for such surprise "gestures." Granted, the decision as to placement of an individual in the position of Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs is made by the Chancellor alone. Yet no indication whatsoever of the change was given to the student leaders until Friday, Sept. 13.

Dr. Shipp did not substantiate his appointments with comparative qualifications of the two persons, Dr. Smith and Dr. Purdy. It seems that some written justification for the appointments are in order.

Dr. Shipp's reasoning did not change my opinions of the appointments. Dr. Smith is a fair, open-minded individual qualified to fill a number of positions at the University.

However, Dr. Purdy's background and qualifications not only at LSUS but also on other campuses enable him to deal more effectively with the students as well as the administration than any individual at the University.

The LSU Board of Supervisors should do more than "rubber stamp" Chancellor Shipp's appointment. It should review the qualifications of the two persons and examine the underlying reasons for the change in the University's structure.

Rebel Brown

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Student criticizes book review

To the editor,

I disagree with the review of "The Great Gatsby" in the Friday, Sept. 13 issue of the "Almagest". By all critical standards, "The Great Gatsby" is considered one of the best American novels ever written. The treatment of the novel as a

piece of nostalgia would be more fitting if the review were of the movie, but I feel that very few of our English faculty and majors would agree that the book "best be left buried," or "has no plot."

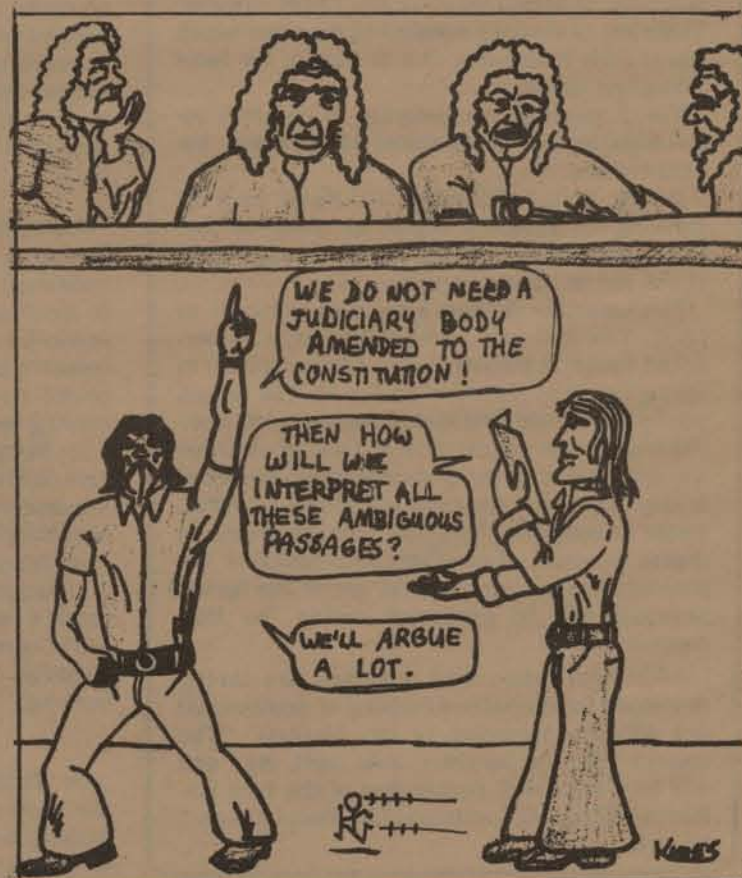
The reviewer grudgingly mentions Fitzgerald's strong sense of character (which, incidentally, is not generally considered "Gatsby's" forte), but avoids comment upon the first-person objective narrative technique which has been maintained by many later critics and writers to be a stroke of genius. I feel that the use of the novel this semester and in the past as required reading for English 115 at our own university is an indication of its worth.

Fitzgerald's book—a brilliant analysis of the decadent 20's and a biting portrayal of the idle rich of that era—stands as a

document of its time as well as a novel which has continued to please readers for the past fifty years. Critically speaking, the

book is superb—and personally, I feel the review does it a grave injustice.

Jennifer Stierman



Campus Briefs

Day Care Center

The Office of Special Research is looking into the formation of a day care center for children of LSUS students. Anyone interested is asked to see Michele Petris in room 120 of the Liberal Arts building.

Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi has announced 16 pledges who are to be initiated into the sorority this fall. New pledges are: Patti Baker, Sherry Bolin, Debbie Dobson, Eva Gerteis, Jamie Henry, Phyllis Kline, Jan Messenger, Annie Nelson, Debbie Norris, Susie Parker, Karen Patterson, La Merle Rupe, Beverly Saulsberg, Pam Simpson, Judy Ward and Janice Zube.

Lab hours announced

Language lab hours for the fall semester have been set. The lab will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Sunday the hours will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The language lab is located in room 202 of the Library building.

Religion Seminar

A seminar on comparative religions will be taught from Oct. 1 to Dec. 7 at LSUS, according to John B. Powell, director of conferences and institutes.

Scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tues. in room 150 of the liberal arts building, the course includes a \$30 registration fee.

Several local religious leaders will participate in the seminar. Participants, who must preregister, may obtain additional information about the seminar by phoning 865-7121, extension 262.

Sigma Alpha Upsilon

Sigma Alpha Upsilon, a service club, is organizing for fall activities, according to Dr. Anne Torrains, club sponsor.

There are two divisions in the organization, the "helpers" division, which gives students an opportunity to work with children experiencing learning difficulties, and a "players" division which Mattie Mosely, assistant professor of library science, advises.

The "players" division provides students with experience in presenting plays to children. The plays generally are based on old fairy tales.

Any student with a minimum 2.0 average is eligible to join the organization. A sign up sheet for anyone interested in auditioning for the players division is located in room 203 of the Library building.

Student teachers

Dr. Bobby E. Tabarlet has announced the designation of 23 education students for student teaching assignments this fall in Caddo-Bossier parish schools.

Of the total, 17 student teachers have been assigned to elementary grades. Listed by schools, they are: Judson—Kathleen Connel, Kristi Garrison, Valrie Odom, Iris Poche. South Highlands—Carolyn Dowling. Westwood—Cynthia Jordon. Linwood—Joy Koch. Creswell—Marianne Loftin. 81st St.—Elsa McCain. Eden Gardens—Carol Lee O'Brien. Summerfield—Fran Rouchon. Sunset Acres—Marilyn Stanley. Queenborough—Ella Polly Worthington. Curtis (Bossier)—Gerry Irvin, Carol McKneely, Mabel Sabin. Bellaire (Bossier)—Norma Paris.

Six student teachers will be in secondary grades. Listed by schools, there are: Green Oaks—Judy Ball. Fair Park—Rupert Coles. Captain Shreve—Zama Jones, James McCain. Byrd—Viola Smith. Rusheon—George Mize.

Interior decorating

John B. Powell, director of conferences and institutes, has announced an interior decorating course to be offered from 7-9:30 on Tuesdays in room 246 in the Liberal Arts building.

Lectures, demonstrations and field trips will spotlight the topics which include: color facts and families, furniture arrangement, walls and lighting, window and floor treatments, table accessories, special rooms and dollar-wise decorating.

According to Powell, preregistration is necessary "as the class size will be limited." Fee for the course is \$30. Participants may obtain additional information by phoning 865-7121, ext. 262.

Shorts in shack

A reminder from the SEC: more shorts in the shack next Monday, Sept. 23, at noon. The feature will be "Dogs is Dogs" starring none other than the Little Rascals.

The feature movie tonight will be "Little Big Man" starring Dustin Hoffman and Chief Dan George (who, incidentally, won an Oscar for his role). The movie starts at 8 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

DOM elects officers

The LSUS veterans fraternity, DOM, has elected officers for the coming year. They are Raymond Williams, chairman; Guy Goldsby, vice-chairman; George Essary, secretary; Rene Langlois, treasurer; Larry Hilton, parliamentarian; and Marvin Street, pledge chairman.

Sponsors were also picked: Rebel Brown, Barbara Bodier and Beth Williams. Faculty sponsors are Dr. Carlos Spaght and Don Smith.

Evaluations Offered

The Communications Center at LSUS has reopened for the fall semester. Diagnostic evaluations of speech, hearing and language problems and speech therapy are now available for adults or children of any age. For information or appointments, phone the Communication Center at 865-7121, ext. 313 or 315. No fee is involved.

Senate candidate meeting

Tony Sanders, SGA president, has called a meeting for all senate candidates this Monday in room 138 of the Liberal Arts building at noon. The meeting is important, according to Sanders, and all candidates are urged to attend.

Artists and Lecturers Committee

How speakers are chosen

By Kay Owens

"The main goal of the Artists and Lecturer's Committee is to bring in speakers that will be interesting and educational," says Committee Chairman, Dr. Philip M. Scherer.

It is one of the 10 faculty council committees on campus. The members are selected by the Committee of Committees and then approved by the Faculty Council by a vote. Faculty members include Dr. Wayne F. Brown, assistant professor of Biological Science, Anita Harkness, math instructor, Dr. Kerr Thompson, assistant professor of French, and William McClery. Student members are Rebecca Brown, Steve Primos and Ricky Olin.

The committee submits information about each speaker to be formally approved by the

Dean of Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and the Chancellor.

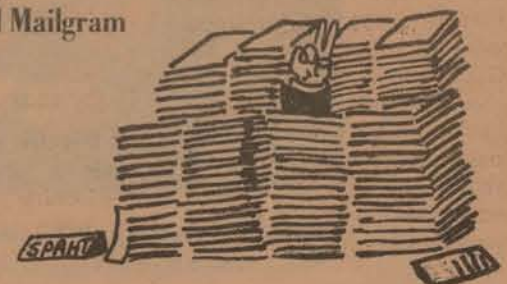
The budget is handled through university funds. All speakers are found and paid through agencies. The contracts for fall semester were formalized in August, 1974.

"The Committee's second focus is to build up our reputation to the community," Scherer added. They try to acquaint the guest to Shreveport and to LSUS, faculty and students. It is also their responsibility to arrange hotel reservations.

There is a problem of space. The auditorium only holds one-tenth of the student body. There are also problems with equipment, instruments, lighting and general needs of the speakers. The Art Club is working with the committee to put up a backdrop on the stage.

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Story By Gina Gordey Oxford — the g

"The effect on me most of all, was that here was an unattainable goal in my life. To think that I was actually at Oxford was really something spiritual. It gave me an association that I could hardly describe."

This is one of the many reflections of Byron Pipes, one of the 17 LSUS students that attended a three week-summer course at Queen's College, Oxford University, England, and a study-tour of the European continent.

Seminar '74, a pilot program of the LSUS College of General Studies, was initiated this summer and will continue indefinitely. The students earned six hours credit from freshman to graduate level.

Marilyn Gibson, assistant professor of English, accompanied the group and familiarized them with the academic life at Oxford.

The 17 students attending the seminar are: Paula Abel, David Childs, Angela Cush, Michael Dougharty, Shirley Jacques, Sharon Johnson, Francis Kalmbach, Anne King, Alma Pineda, Byron Pipes, Betsy Roos, Lia Touchstone, Bill Lyons, Marc Elwinger, Carolyn Raines, Barbara Phillips, and Paxton Moreland.

"Scholarly elegance

The program provided the group with "an atmosphere of scholarly elegance," wrote Anne King about the institution of Oxford. The lecture agenda was entitled "Britain, 1870-1970, Literature, History, and Society." The students felt that the lectures by the Oxford professors, the world's foremost authorities on History and English, were not only informing and instructive, but were enlightening as well.

In the afternoons, Gibson and the Oxford scholars from LSUS would hold sessions on morning's lecturers. "The students chose a topic that they heard a lecture about," explained Gibson, "did some research at Oxford, and completed a term paper at home and received a grade."

Seminar '74, however, was much more than lectures and term papers. King wrote "We came as students who soon gained an awareness of the scope of education outside the lecture hall. Each day we marvelled anew at the richness of the past and found new ways to appreciate it's effect on the present."

Shakespeare and Stonehenge

While still attending Oxford, the explorers took excursions to Stratford-Upon-Avon to see Shakespeare's birthplace, Ann Hathaway's cottage, and a performance of Richard II at the Royal Shakespearean Theater.

The company also viewed the magnificent Stonehenge and the city of London. The group attended both a church service and endured a bomb scare at Westminster Abbey.

The adventurers enjoyed a camping trip in the hills about 30 miles east of Oxford. "To me, the countryside is the most beautiful part of England," revealed Mike Dougharty, a native-born Briton.

The English people displayed much kindness and respect to the Shreveporters and gave them a sense of acceptance.

A lasting appreciation

Before the three weeks of study began, the scholars traveled through the continent of Europe, sightseeing the famous capitals, viewing works of art centuries old, and discovering a lasting appreciation for Europe through the people and their cultures.

The group first visited Amsterdam. Boatrides on canals and a van Gogh museum were among the scenes of the dutch capital. The house of Anne Frank proved to be a moving experience for two coeds. "It's really strange to know that someone had to be stuck in such a hole in the wall for such a long time," remarked Betsy Roos.

From Amsterdam, the group traveled through Brussels, into Germany. A boat trip down the Rhine River inspired one



Michael Dougharty, Bill Lyons, Betsy Roos, Alma Pineda, Francis Kalmbach, and Carolyn Raines relax in the Queen's College private pub in the cellar.



The group takes a cruise down the scenic Rhine River. Pictured are left to right, Joe Tourist, Alma Pineda, Carolyn Raines, Angela Cush, Betsy Roos, Paula Abel, Lia Touchstone, Shirley Jacques and Marc Elwinger.



Art Work By Mark Kimes

goal achieved

student to write, "One cannot travel the Rhine without feeling that he has seen the heart of Europe. It is the lifeline now and has been so for centuries."

Everyone totally un-inhibited

The continent tour continued through the Alps of Switzerland, Austria, and the tiny country of Liechtenstein. The majesty of the Alps had the LSUS travelers captivated beyond words; so they resorted to singing to the grandeur of the mountains. The Europeans even applauded. "You feel totally un-inhibited over there" Gibson stated. "No one thinks you're crazy or would arrest you like they would in Shreveport."

Italy was the next point for the European rovers. Cities such as Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, and Naples fascinated the students.

One of the sights in Venice was Harry's Bar, one of the habitat's of Ernest Hemingway. Also, for a short time in Venice, the travelers were imprisoned in an alge-invested, dark, hot dungeon. "You think you are down there for keeps", remarked David Childs.

Jet-laged among the ruins

The David of Michelangelo and the tomb of this famous artist were two of the sights of Florence. In Pisa, the brave ones climbed 420 steps to the top of the Leaning Tower.

The three days in the historical city of Rome included tours of the Vatican, St. Peter's, the Cistine Chapel, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, and the Forum. In Rome, after a bustling week of tours, the activity finally caught up with the weary travelers and an afternoon of sleep was welcomed.

The language barrier presented no problem for the Americans, not only because of the group's own knowledge of different foreign languages, but due to the unique helpfulness displayed by the Europeans.

Enjoying local traditions

Bill Lyons expressed his feelings, "You approach any foreigner in any foreign country

and behave with him exemplifying common courtesy, for him, his country, and his traditions."

From Italy, the travelers moved to Capri and to Sorrento, where the group enjoyed an evening at a discoteque and learned a folk dance called "The Tarantella."

After visits to Grenoble and Nice, the tour continued through France to Paris. In Paris the group viewed the traditional sights of the Eiffel Tower, the Sacre Coeur, Place de la Concorde, Hotel des Invalids, where Napoleon is buried and the beautiful Champs Elysees, the most famous boulevard in Paris. The students saw Liza Minelli, and realized that, yes, this was Paris, where the entire world gathers.

For most of the group, it was an introduction to Europe, and all plan trips in the future. For Gibson, however, it was her 13th voyage to the lands across the sea, and the 14th promises to be equally exiting.

Forever a part of Oxford University

Plans for Seminar '75 are already in progress. Next summer, the study-tour will include six weeks at Oxford, with five optional weekend excursions to the attractions in England. At the end of the six weeks, tours of the continent will be offered. The cost for the entire program is very reasonable. Present plans indicate the price will be about \$997.00. The price includes: airfare, a hotel in London, room and board at Queen's College, and the lectures.

Anyone interested may come by the "Oxford Room" in La 128. The Oxford Room is not a club room, but it is a branch of the College of General Studies to generate interest and distribute information concerning the Oxford trip.

Gibson commented, "You feel as if you really belong to Oxford University — forever. It is a great tradition of education, and for the rest of your life you are part of it."



The students pose in front of the Taylor Institute where the Oxford lectures were heard.



Viewing the quaint Anne Hathaway's Cottage in Stratford-Upon-Avon, are Lia Touchstone, Barbara Phillips, Byron Pipes, and Marc Elvinger.



At the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre are, Barbara Phillips, Michael Dougharty, Angela Cush, Sharon Johnson, Lia Touchstone, Betsy Roos, Alma Pineda, Marilyn Gibson, Marc Elwinger, Byron Pipes, Paula Abel, David Childs.



School and God

By Carl Smith

A recent article I read related some very thorough research that says a great deal to me about our attitude toward education. Through controlled tests in graduate schools, the writer stated he has proven that educated people cheat more than non-educated people and that smart people cheat more than dumb people.

If this is true, it seems to say that for many, education means obtaining marks rather than learning subject matter: that the end result of education is getting a degree rather than preparation for life's work.

Purpose for living lacking

There is more than one way to analyze the reason why this is so. From my perspective it suggests that part of the problem is that a real purpose for living is lacking. A noted physician said, "Medical science is giving us longer life but no reason to live."

A person goes to school, gets a job, retires and dies. If there is nothing more to life than this it's no surprise education is looked upon as a means by which we will make a living and nothing more.

It's been my experience that that which gives a sense of purpose about life can be described as relational and is fulfilled in two ways.

First of all there is a

relationship on the verticle level. As one grows into an intimate relationship with God one becomes more and more aware of his own indentity.

An awareness of who we are results in a knowledge of self worth and discovery of gifts and talents.

Who am I

This inward Journey of self discovery as a result of God-discovery leads to the understanding of the question "Who am I?" The second phase, then is the outward journey, or relationship on the horizontal level.

Jesus Christ stood before a tomb and called to life a dead man named Lazarus. The Bible says when Lazarus walked out of the tomb still wrapped in the grave clothes, Jesus said to the people standing by "Go up and loose his bonds and set him free."

My purpose in life then is not to raise dead men—that's God's business. My job is "to set them free." The world is full of people who are lonely, hungry, hurting. God can instill in them that spark of live-giving hope; but they are still bound, having nothing but hope waiting for someone to show them how to fulfill that hope and be free.

In my purpose in life is not just to make money, but rather to set people free, then I tend to look at my preparation for that work with a much different attitude than before.

A study of History, English, Mathematics, etc. becomes more than meeting requirements for a degree, it is building into my life those things that will enhance my God given gifts and better equip me for a life-goal of removing the "grave clothes" of myself and the people around me.



By J. W. Shaw, Jr.

On Friday, January 18, a diverse group gathered at London Symphony Orchestra, the English Chamber Choir, David Hemmings, five rock musicians and Rick Wakeman.

What later transpired is preserved in the form of "Journey to the Centre of the Earth." The album, Rick Wakeman's second, is based on the Jules Verne novel of the same title. Recorded on the A&M label, its code is SP3621.

The format is slightly different from other albums, including Rick's first. The basic departing point is that along with musical interpretations of the story, each phase of the album is preceded with David Hemmings reciting portions of the book that denote the theme of the following piece of music.

In certain places, however, the sudden shift from soft orchestration to rockish sort of music makes the contrast a little too great.

The vocals of Garry Pickford-Hopkins and Ashley Holt, over all, are well delivered. In one instance, the melody seems to be just at the peak of one (I do not know which) of the singer's range. Rick's lyrics are competently composed and serve their purpose somewhat better than those of other artists.

Record Review

Mr. Wakeman, of course, is the binding force between such a varying assemblage of musicians. His keyboard work provides the continuity lacking in most "classically oriented" attempts. The orchestra, in this album, becomes an integral part of the composition rather than a dispensable entity.

In summation, Rick makes a brilliant comeback form a mediocre first solo release. The content is superior, it is musically palatable and pleasant listening.

It should be noted, finally, that "Journey..." is a special interest recording and would probably appeal to electronic music followers and the like.

"Isle of View"

I recall mentioning two weeks ago three Emerson, Lake and Palmer songs that are especially suited for cold, rainy winter afternoons. "Isle of View," by Jimmie Spheeris is an entire album with those qualities. Its number is C 30988 and it's pressed by Columbia.

Jimmie has an uncanny ability for taking common place instrumentation, and, with it, fusing his style to produce material with both being mutually complimentary. Music and vocals are balanced, neither of which is every overwhelming.

His lyrics are strangely poetic. Along with his music, they fit with flowing precision in a soothing manner. Jimmie holds your attention without demanding conscious effort.

Mr. Spheeris is a singer—a good one. There is a vaguely sensual air in his songs. Naturally, it is more prevalent in some, than in other. Throughout the album there is

the sense that Jimmie is singing to you somewhat like a personal friend.

Probably the best song on the album is "I am Mercury." It is the best example of the above-mentioned points. Music is delightfully simple, yet supportive. The lines are hauntingly beautiful and expertly sung. Additionally, this is not to say the other cuts are not good because all follow close behind.

Santana Coming

Santana is scheduled to perform at the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum Sunday, September 29. Appearing with them will be Golden Earring ("Radar Love")

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Sports Specs

Saturday night, Sept. 14, the LSU Tigers kicked-off their season by defeating the Colorado Buffalos, 42-14. The Tigers completed this feat without completing any of the three past-attempts. The ground work of the veer offense proved the points.

The Tigers next meet the Texas Aggies in Baton Rouge tomorrow night.

Tonight's high school games include: Houghton at Bastrop, Natchitoches at Airline, Parkway at Bossier, Green Oaks at Capt. Shreve, B.T. Washington at Byrd, Fair Park at North Caddo.

Action on Sept. 16 will see Ruston at Parkway and North Caddo at Northwood.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Rain and fumbles played against the Green Oaks Giants

Teal season tomorrow

Teal — (tēl) n.; 1. Any of a certain small, widely distributed ducks of the genus *Anas*, many of which have brightly marked plumage. 2. Any of various other small ducks. 3. Moderate or dark bluish green to greenish blue. In this sense, also called "teal blue."

Teal season opens in Louisiana Sept. 21. The season lasts until Sept. 29. "Bird brains" will be stalking the forests and swamps seeking the small teal.

An estimated 95,000 blue-winged teal, according to a report from the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission biologists, are concentrated on Catahoula Lake and Southeast and Southwest Louisiana.

Problems arise for hunters, though. They must be careful not to shoot mottled or wood ducks and coots which are in the same area.

A major build-up of the bluewings has been noted in Terrebone Parish's fresh marshes. This has been due to vegetation development and water conditions. These have done favorable despite rainy conditions of the past weeks.

Northwest Louisiana was not included in the survey of the Commission. The increase in the teal in the south, however, indicates probable large numbers of the birds in the northern section.



Thursday night. Huntington Raiders' linebackers James Womack and Ronald Wicker hit the Giants' gap almost constantly, forcing six Green Oaks fumbles. The Giants managed to hold the Raiders to a 6-0 win. Huntington is now 1-1; Green Oaks is 0-2.

Fair Park Indians shot the Jesuit Flyers, 6-2, at State Fair Stadium. The only touchdown of the game was a 66-yard pass to Kenny Joyner from Mark Hotard. Fair Park is now 2-0, while the Flyers are 0-2.

Friday, Sept. 13

Southwood chalked up their second win as they rode over North Caddo, 19-0. A strong combination of ground and passing action sealed the win, as the Rebels suffered from an over-exposure of Cowboys. North Caddo stands at 1-1, while the Cowboys are 2-0.

Houghton felt the return of Airline's passing game as the Bucs were downed 27-7. To make up for the 0-of-10 passes against Jesuit last week, quarterback Gil Smith hit 7-of-12 passes against the Bucs. He ended the game with 123 yards passed and two TD's to his credit. The Bucs are 1-1 now, and the Vikings racked up win number two.

The Bossier 'Kats walked across the path of Minden on Friday the 13th, as the Tide lost 28-6. A 73-yard touchdown pass by Rudy Hines sealed the Bearkats victory in the third quarter. Bossier is now 2-0 for the season.

Parkway's defenses held the West Monroe team to a 14-14 tie at Bossier Stadium. Poor field position was the Panther's main problem, as the Rebels suffered with no kicker. Parkway is now 0-1-1.

Rainy weather was definitely a help, but not enough, as Capt. Shreve scraped a 3-0 win over Ruston. The Bearcats found favor with the weather, holding a 0-0 situation until the fourth quarter when Shreve's Mark Roberts kicked a 20-yard field goal. The Gators are now 2-0.



The MF team paused to have their picture taken before a game against GDI's. Members pictured are: (kneeling) Kevin Rowell and Sandy Perot; (standing, left to right) Steve Westmoreland, captain, Brad Bland, Larry Holder, Pete Donaldson, and Roy DeSoto.

MF's name game

By Ace Edwards

What's in a name? Sometimes more than just the spelling. At least that was the news MF received last spring.

The team, previously known as Muf Fuggers, were requested by the higher echelon to change their name. Having anticipated the need, the team quickly changed the official name to MF. "It was no big deal," said team captain Steve Westmoreland. "We had expected worse."

Name fame not all

Not only do they find a certain fame in their controversial name — MF is one of the few teams not sponsored by any club that attempts to enter any event offered in intramurals.

The co-ed team of nearly 20 members has existed for two years since its beginning by Mike Talley and Westmoreland. Last year the team drew second place in flag football and won first place in the Mardi Gras Basketball Tournament.

Outstanding players

The team attributes many of their past and present feats to outstanding players Mike Talley, Kevin Rowell, Rick Wells, Roger Bryant and Herman "Sonny" Ward.

In their football and softball competition so far, MF has started slowly with few wins. Being co-ed, "we have some girls that want to play football," complained Westmoreland, "but they need another girl's team to play against."

Rated average

The team, as a whole, is rated by the captain as "average." The reason? "Everyone thinks the team is fantastic; that's why it's average."

Average or not, the team's main problem is manpower. Many of the players from last year have gone and replacements haven't been equal. Westmoreland concludes, "There's always the next game to play."

Racket crews announced

By "Ace" Edwards

Tennis enthusiasts met Thursday, Sept. 12, to discuss fall competition. Seven teams were formed, each with an "A" player for captain.

This year wins will be awarded on a point system. One point will be awarded for each game, and then one point will be awarded for each match. The team that wins eight games first will win the set. A cumulative record of points will be kept.

Also announced was a tennis tournament to be held. The men and women's singles will be held September 27, 28 and 29. The men, women and mixed doubles will be held on October 4, 5, and 6.

Teams for this year include:

Ed Lampkin, captain, Gene Hicks, Ted Mundezen, Mike Monarch, Daryl Papa, John Powell and Jim Wilson.

Tom Dilulio, captain, Judy Shoemaker, Charles Henson, George Kalmbach, J. Burleson, Harold Meekin and Sammy Fertitta.

Carl Mock, captain, Cliff Roberts, Tommy Starkey, George Essary, Waylon Sims, H. P. Elliot and Ken Purdy.

Richard Denn, captain, Raymond Williams, Ray Collins, John Dean, Mark Beecy, Tom Montgomery, and Pat Bates.

Rob Martin, captain, Larry Morrow, Blake Randolph, Beth Williamson, James Carmack, Tom Speed, and Virginia Edleman.

Lawrence Juniet, captain, Vincent Marsala, Rebel Brown, Bill Tricket, David Matlock, Phyllis Syblette, and Nancy Bell.

Marvin Street, captain, Steve Rachal, Beth Williams, Bob Leitz, Debbie Brooks, Charles Thomas, and Don Dino.



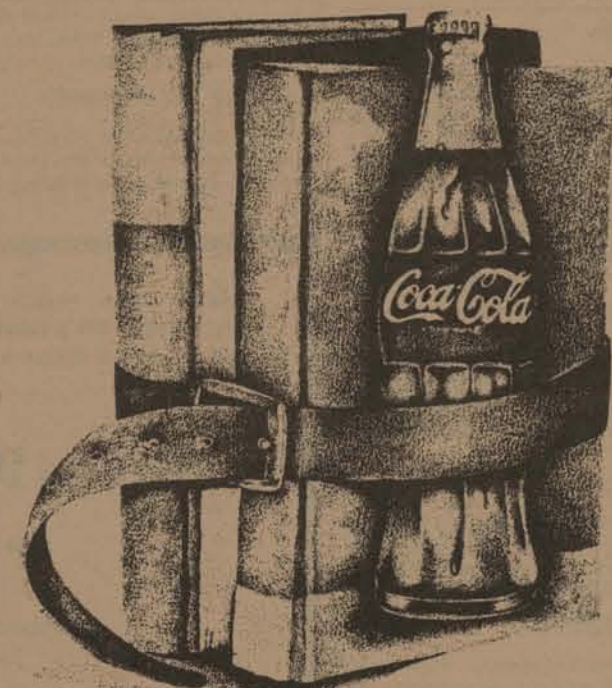
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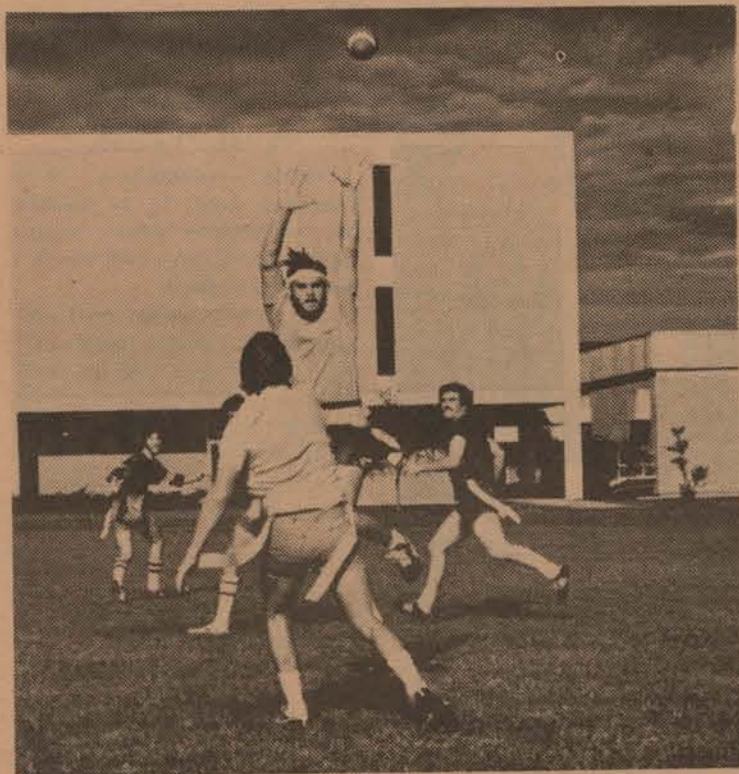






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Bob Bunch leaps for the Football Freaks during the September 11 game. The Football Freaks displayed a fantastic defense against the River Rats to win the game.

'Necks "Souled" 18-15

By Ace Edwards

The Roughnecks met the Soul Patrol on the gridiron Wednesday afternoon. The score-tight game ended in a 18-15 victory for the Roughnecks.

After a loss to Mac's Pac due to penetrations, the Roughnecks came streaming back for a three touchdown win. John Watson and Dave Morgan headed the 'Necks team in their first season win.

Harry Johnson and Holmes lead the Soul Patrol in their outstanding attempts on the field. The Patrol's scoring came in two touchdowns and a safety.

The Roughnecks are now 1-1 with the Soul Patrol holding 0-2.

River Rats lose

The River Rats just couldn't quite make it to the goal line Wednesday, Sept. 11. Despite repeated attempts, and good ones at that, the Football Freaks chalked up a 39-0 victory.

John Meier-Mike Yorba plays presented the greatest threat to the Football Freaks. The quick couple's attempts brought the River Rats their deepest penetration into Freak territory.

The game was a tight Rats' race which saw only Freak scoring. The FF is now 2-0, while the Rats are 0-1.

Facs beat Screwdrivers

The Screwdrivers would have been happy Tuesday, Sept. 17, if their softball game had ended after their second inning at bat. At the bottom of the second, the Faculty faced a 7-4 game. By the time they returned to the field, they led 10-7.

Both teams started strong in the game. The Drivers led with two runs, followed by the Fac's four. The Drivers took the lead for a few minutes with five more runs—the last score they made.

Old Men at bat?

"Old men finish last" was disproven after a scoreless third inning. The "Old Men" came bouncing back with two more runs, making a 12-7 score.

Don Dino, director of intramurals, pitched for the Facs.

Paramedics vs. Greenway Gang

The Paramedics watched the Greenway Gang play football in their season opener Wednesday night. The first two minutes was scoreless before the Gang found their feet. The Gang scored quickly and often to bring a 40-0 win.

The Randy Hunter-to-Pete Reese play brought most of the touchdowns in the first half. At least three interceptions placed the Gang in the advantage.

The Paramedics woke too late to score. Their best attempt came on a 60-yard pass from Steve Jenkins to Lynn Wiggins to the Gang 20. The attempt was stifled as the next play ended in an interception.

The Greenway Gang is now 1-0, and the Paramedics fall to 0-1.

GDI's vs. MF

Borrowing a couple of Football Freaks, the GDI's met the MF Wednesday night. The game ended in the GDI's favor, 30-12.

Although the game does not count, MF found itself in trouble as the GDI's, guided by Freak Hermes controlled most of the play. Kevin Rowell and Larry Holder provided the MF with their only touchdowns in the game, both in the second quarter.

He surprised on-lookers in a two out-situation when he dropped a line-drive—could he be losing his touch? The ol' Dino finesse returned as he atoned for his earlier mistake by catching a same-situation line-drive. Nice try.

He pitched beautifully

The Screwdrivers's Bob Nossman pitched beautifully. Unfortunately the Facs thought so too. The Facs found at least one hit each whenever they came to bat.

The Facs won their first season bout, as the Drivers open with 0-1.

The other scheduled game, between Mac's Pac and the Greenway Gang was cancelled due to lack of participants.

Mac's Pac wins, 50-6

By "Ace" Edwards

Football season has finally begun—at least that's the way it seemed Monday night. The intramural teams finally got down to playing football.

Extra points can sometimes mean the difference between winning and losing. The River Rats found that out in their game with MF. The tight game resulted in a 13-12 MF victory, their first for the season.

The first few minutes of stalemate was ended when Ed Lampkin for MF made a long pass to Dave Morgan bringing the ball from mid-field to a possible touchdown situation. So that's what MF did. Two plays later a Lampkin-to-Morgan connection chalked up the first score of the game. The extra-point attempt failed.

MF is now 1-0 for the season, while the Rats fall to 0-2.

Paramedics vs. Mac's Pac

The Paramedics suffered from a problem Wednesday night against Mac's Pac. Whether it was from the lack of manpower or whether it was fascination with watching the other team, Paramedics fell to a 50-6 loss.

David Terrell made the Paramedics' only score of the game on an interception play in the second quarter.

The last seven points came on a long 70-year pass from Lampkin to Ferrell. After making the extra-point, the game ended 50-6.

Mac's Pac are now 2-0, with the Paramedics 0-2.

Soul Patrol vs. GDI's

Joe Holmes led the Soul Patrol to a 31-6 win over the GDI's in action Monday night. "Hands" Holmes couldn't be stopped on

the field as he started the night with an interception on the second play of the game.

The Holmes-to-Harry Johnson play was the key to unlock the beginning of five TD's for the Patrol. Two touchdowns can be credited with this combination in the first half.

The Patrol made one other touchdown in the first half. It came on a pass from Holmes to Douglas Coutee to make the score 18-0.

The GDI's finally began to wake up. Their first and only score of the night came with Mike Haynie passing to Hal Wright. The half-time score rang a 24-6 lead for the Patrol.

The Soul Patrol popped 1-2 for the season, with the GDI's left 0-1 so far.

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